

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF *LATIRUS*.

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*LATIRUS ERNESTI*, n.sp.

*L. testa* mediocri, attenuato-fusiforini, solidiuscula, lætè ochraceo-rufa, anfractibus (fortasse) 6-7, quorum apicales . . . (?), cæteris fortiter spiraliter undique tornato-liratis, liris albis, nitidis, inæqualibus, supernis tribus, penultimo sex, ultimo anfractu duodecim liris præditis, interstitiis sub lente delicate alveato-decussatis, apertura ovata, labro paullum effuso, crassiusculo, columella buplicata, canali brevi. Long. 12, lat. 5 mm.

*Hab.*—Ad Antillarum insulas.



Seavle, del.

This brightly coloured, ochraceous little *Latirus* belongs to the typical section of the genus, its allies being *L. craticulatus*, L., or especially *turritus*, Gmel., of which it seems a miniature resemblance. To *lautus*, Reeve, there is also some affinity, but it differs altogether both in form and quality of ornamentation of sculpture, *lautus* being a more obese species, with irregular longitudinal puckering. Mr. Ernest R. Sykes has asked me to describe this interesting addition to the genus, he having received it with the label "W. Indies". The specimen is imperfect; the apical whorls being missing, we should conjecture that if in first-class condition it would be 6-7 whorled; the mouth, however, and the other parts of the shell are good enough for description. I have pleasure in naming it after Mr. Sykes.